

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) Pusher apparatus comprising:
2 a track with lines comprising means to engage teeth;
3 a pusher mounted on the track for movement along the track;
4 a spring mounted on the pusher for urging the pusher along the track;
5 an axle rotatably mounted on the pusher;
6 at least two wheels fixed to the axle for simultaneous rotation, wherein each wheel
7 positively engages the track comprises teeth to positively engage said means on the
8 track lines such that all said wheels move simultaneously along said lines so as to
9 prevent canting of the apparatus.

- 1 2. (Currently Amended) Pusher apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the track~~
2 ~~includes at least one line of~~ said means comprise slots along the track lines, ~~and~~
3 ~~wherein each wheel is a cog bearing teeth that positively engage the slots of the~~
4 ~~track.~~

- 1 3. (Currently Amended) Pusher apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said means
2 comprise teeth along the track lines. ~~the track includes at least one line of teeth~~
3 ~~along the track; and wherein each wheel is a cog bearing teeth that positively~~
4 ~~engage the teeth of the~~ wheels track.

- 1 4. (Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the spring is a coil spring.

- 1 5. (Canceled)

1 6.(Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a first end of the spring is
2 attached to a front end of the track and a second end of the spring is attached to the
3 pusher, whereby coiling of the spring draws the pusher along the track.

1 7. (Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a second axle
2 mounted on the pusher, wherein the second end of the spring is coiled about the
3 second axle.

1 8. (Currently Amended) Pusher apparatus comprising:
2 a track;
3 a pusher mounted on the track for movement along the track;
4 a coil spring mounted on the pusher for urging the pusher along the track;
5 an axle rotatably mounted on the pusher; and
6 at least two wheels fixed to the axle for simultaneous rotation, wherein each wheel
7 positively engages the track; ~~according to claim 4;~~
8 said apparatus further comprising a rotary damper mounted on the pusher for
9 regulating the rate of coiling or uncoiling of the spring.

1 9. (Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the rotary damper includes
2 means for adjusting a damping effect of the rotary damper.

1 10. (Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a latch for
2 retaining the pusher at a desired position along the track.

1 11. (Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising trigger means
2 located at the front end of the track, wherein the latch is mounted on the track and is
3 operable by the trigger means to release the pusher from the desired position.

1 12. (Original) Pusher apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the latch is mounted on the
2 track and is operable to release the pusher from the desired position by applying rearward
3 pressure to the pusher.

1 13. (New) Pusher apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a rotary damper
2 mounted on the pusher for regulating the rate of coiling or uncoiling of the spring.

1 14 (New) Pusher apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the rotary damper includes
2 means for adjusting a damping effect of the rotary damper.

1 15 (New) Pusher apparatus according to claim 4, wherein a first end of the spring is
2 attached to the axle and a second end of the spring is attached to the pusher, whereby
3 coiling of the spring draws the pusher along the track.

1 16. (New) Pusher apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a rotary damper
2 mounted on the pusher for regulating the rate of coiling or uncoiling of the spring.

1 17 (New) Pusher apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the rotary damper includes
2 means for adjusting a damping effect of the rotary damper.